SINCUS NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter of the Sinclair Computer User's Society(SINCUS)

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REM: next regular meeting: February 16, 7pm, American Legion Post 758, 429 Main Street, Johnson City, NY

AGENDA:(hopefully)
- -chapters 1,2,3 and a peek at 4 in the ZX-81 user's manual.
- -Word Glossary to help one and all with the jargon.
- -'Bits and Bytes' just something to chew on.
- -A software review
- -Hardware info by Wes Brzozowski
- -Business end of the meet to be held to absolute minimum.

LOAD: Our membership is now 37 charter members. Feb. is the last month to sign up charter members. Our calls for volunteers did not go unheeded, we know it isn't easy to volunteer and we appreciate those would did and I'm sure the society will benefit. But dont worry there is still some room left for a couple more.

THEN:Jerry Kendrick gave a talk on "Addressing the RAMTOP" and Wes B. spoke on his design and hand made tape recorder monitor. Wes will have plans on how to build your own available soon.

COPY: Kathy and Jim Jones are chairing the Publications Library, and are collecting and loaning out current issues of SYNC, SYNTAX and other electronic mags. If you have back issues you wish to be made available to the society members, call or see Jim or Kathy Jones. The material available, which includes some number of manuals, will be listed on tape for easy member access.

SAVE:The software library is being started by Roger Pufky, so get making a spare copy of your program and donate it to the library. Once all members have donated copies of their programs, the software committee, will then consider acquiring new material. See Roger how to go about donating and copying.

AND:Paul Hill will,temporarily, head the Software Committee(Softcom), if any one wants to give a review of his/her software, homemade or canned, we'd be more than willing to listen. The users interested in machine code see me.

EDIT: A view of SINCUS from WesB.'s recent survey:
   80% have owned a ZX81/TS1000 and 2 are borrowing for six months. 30% own a memory pack, 20% have a printer. Overall we rate our selves a 2.9 out of 5.0 on experience. 33% are enjoying a computer for the first time. Half are having problems with loading or saving. Next comes power supply and overheating problems. Less than 50% of the members responded, so picture isnt complete.

CONT:The results of the survey give us a picture of you the members, which until now was very blurred. I have gotten out a sheet on "Loading Tips", if you are having problems try the suggestions, still having a bad time of it, see or call one of us. Our phone numbers are available at meets.

STOP: If you want the newsletter mailed to you, leave a SASE(long envelop) with Bridget Krmenec,Rec. Sec. or 25¢ and your name. The newsletter will be available at Unicorn Electronics, Small Mall, Johnson City, and at the meetings. Look for future announcement for more locations.

PAUSE:The call for volunteers to help at WSKG's membership drive is to give us some free 'air time' to project our club...maybe some T-shirts or sweat shirts with the computer or club name...March is next WSKG drive...we are making up some small 8"x11" posters to ad the society, if you take a couple...hang one at work, at school,church,library.... we need all the free ad space, means more members.

PEEK: SYNC mag, the Jan/Feb'83 issue has several good budget type pro-grams listed,"money manager" is on tape in the library. From TRY THIS on page 11, on a 8k ROM, 1kRAM enter this:
                    10 PRINT.;
                    20 GOTO 10
        RUN in SLOW, press RUN and ENTER...Figure it out?

UNPLOT: Computers and Electronics, Feb '83, "Talk Can Be Cheap", mating a TI Speak and Spell with a TS1000...anyone try this or anything like it? The how to is included in the article.

INPUT:Did you read the BITS and PIECES column in The Sunday Press? a couple weeks back? Thanks to Bridget Krmenec, SINCUS made the Press.

DIM: Some 750,000 TS1000 have been sold since August 1982. That's a big market, and we as a group can be a big part of the market. May be with large orders for some items we can get reduced prices.

NEW:SpectraVideo SV-318, a PC for $299.95 offers a lot, a Z80A CPU, 32K ROM, 32K RAM, Color, sound, expansion available,256 x192 resol-ution, 32 and 40 characters per line depend on mode. and quite a bit more in accessories from games to printers to floppy disc drives. May give the TS2000(spectrum) a run for the money.

SCROLL:We are looking into more meeting places, different times and days, to offer you more we'll meet more. Anyone with ideas on this we'd like to hear them.

BREAK: With all the immediate and instant data available to us and more so in our homes in the future, the more difficult it will be to verify fact from fiction. Some sellers of future Brooklyn Bridges will en-hance their image with hi-tech eye wash and reams of instant data and charts. The old saying,"if it seems to good to be true, then it prob-ably is," will still hold true for a few more years.

See you in February. Remember if due to bad weather conditions, only emergency travel is permitted, then the meeting is cancelled.